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SUBJECT: THI CASE

REF: USUN 873

1. PETER NEUMANN OF UN LEGAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING REPORT ON ROSSIDES CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING ISSUES RAISED BY DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR THI. FOLLOWING USUN-ROSSIDES DISCUSSION 10 MARCH (REFTEL), ROSSIDES MET WITH VIETNAMESE CHARGE. ROSSIDES HAD GIVEN CHARGE THE TEXT OF A NON-PAPER ON THE BASIS OF WHICH ROSSIDES SAID HE HOPED FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME. THE CHARGE SUBSEQUENTLY RESPONDED NEGATIVELY SAYING THAT THE MINIMUM HE COULD ACCEPT WOULD BE THE USSR-BULGARIA-IRAQ-MALI RESOLUTION CIRCULATED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IF THAT WERE NOT POSSIBLE, THE MATTER SHOULD BE LEFT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. VIETNAM WOULD NOT EXPECT TO ASK FOR FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AT THIS JUNCTURE BUT BELIEVED THAT THE HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHEN PREPARING ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD INCLUDE THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION.

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2. NEUMANN SAID THE CONSULTATIONS THUS APPEARED TO HAVE COME TO AN END, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. HE ADDED HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSION THAT THE VIETNAMESE MISSION APPARENTLY CONSIDERS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE A MORE FAVORABLE FORUM THAN THE HCRC. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE CHARGE HAD ANNOYED

ROSSIDES BY ASSERTING THAT THI HAD NOT BEEN RECALLED;
HE HAD MERELY DEPARTED (SIC).

3. COMMENT: (A) NEUMANN AGREED TO PROVIDE COPY OF
TEXT ROSSIDES HAD PRESENTED TO VIETNAMESE CHARGE WHILE
SAYING IT COULD NOT BE TREATED AS A LIVE DOCUMENT IN
VIEW OF VIETNAMESE REJECTION. (B) AS TO DOCUMENTATION
TO WHICH VIETNAMESE MIGHT HAVE BEEN REFERRING IN
CONTEXT OF HCRC REPORT TO GA, DOCUMENTATION -- IN THE
FORM OF CONFERENCE ROOM PAPERS-- EARLIER PRESENTED TO
THE COMMITTEE INCLUDES VIETNAMESE STATEMENTS, US
STATEMENT, LEGAL COUNSEL'S OPINION, AND HOSTILE
USSR-BULGARIA-IRAQ-MALI DRAFT RESOLUTION. LAST HAS
NEVER BEEN SUBMITTED AS A FORMAL DOCUMENT OF THE
COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH, AS A PROCEDURAL MATTERS, THAT
COULD EASILY BE DONE AT ANY FUTURE MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE. LEONARD

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